which the CTVs are being sold in the market.

(v) ET&T shall supply Colour Picture Tubes in adequate quantities to the various Colour TV manufacturers.

(vi) As a result of the discussions with Indian TV Manufacturers' Association, they have provided us the list of 6 members of their Association, who have agreed to sell their economy model Colour TV sets through Government distribution network, such as, co-operative societies, super bazars etc. Action has been initiated by Department of Electronics.

With the above steps and the market forces operating, prices of some models of CTV sets have come down.

Indo-Burma talks

962. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs visited Burma during the 1st week of July, 1985;

(b) if so, the nature of talks held with the Burmese leaders; and

(c) the decision arrived at?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir. I visited Rangoon from July 6—8, 1985.

(b) and (c) During my visit I called on the Burmese President, the Prime Minister, and had an extensive exchange of views with Forign Minister U Chit Hlaing on International and bilateral matter. The talks were held in a friendly and cordial atmosphere. It was agreed that steps should be taken to enhance the level of our commercial, economic and cultural exchanges. Both sides also agreed that periodic contacts should be maintained through high level visits. The visit was in pursuance of the Prime Minister initiative for developing closer relations with neighbouring coentries.

Estimated wasteland in th country

963. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:
SHRI V. GOPALSWAMY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated area of land presently affected by salinity and alkalinity in the country;

(b) the total estimated wasteland in the country, State-wise;

(c) the amount of money allotted for Wasteland reclamation; and

(d) the area of wasteland reclaimed as on 30th June, 1985 and the amount spent thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI VIR SEN): (a) The estimated area of land presently affected by salinity (including coastal sandy areas) and alkalinity is about eight million hectares.

(b) The details of partially productive/unproductive non-forest areas as per landuse classification are given in the enclosed statement I. (*See below*). The corresponding figures for forest areas are given in the enclosed Statement-II (*See* below).

(c) An amount of Rs. 25 crores has been proposed for the National Wastelands Development Board during the Seventh Five Year Plan period. Funds available under Social Foretry including Rural Fuelwood Plantations, Operation Soilwatch and Soil Conservation Programmes will be utilised for wastelands development. Some of the funds available under the Rural Development programmes, namely Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme, National Rural Employment Programme, Integra-